



# Autumn Curriculum Newsletter – Year 1



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! The children have settled in brilliantly during their first week. They are getting used to the new building and all the Year 1 routines and we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know them. We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning as well as our first joint year group sharing assembly on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October which we hope you will be able to attend.

This term the children in 1LW will be supported by Mrs Woodhead and Mrs Galbraith throughout the week. They will be taught by Mrs Booth on a Tuesday afternoon. The children in 1B will be supported by Mrs McKinnon all week and Mrs Schuster (Mon to Wed) and Mrs Matheson (Thur and Fri). They will be taught by Miss Hill on a Wednesday afternoon and Mrs Booth on a Thursday afternoon.

Please remember that the children will need to bring PE kit and leave it in school ready to change into for PE sessions.

Many thanks, Mrs Busch 1B and Mrs Lupton-Walker 1LW

## Homework

**Reading:** Year 1 children are given two books per week to read which are given out on a Friday. **Please ensure that you listen to your child read the books and make a note in their reading records that they have read and any other feedback you wish to give.**

**Seesaw homework/spellings:** This will be set on a Monday to be completed by the following Monday. This task should take about 10 minutes and is uploaded online. It will be directly related to the phonics we will be learning that week in class. The sound will be explained plus any rules that apply for using the sound. We would like you to help your child think of some words with these sounds in, write the words out in their neatest cursive handwriting and then as an extra challenge to put the word into a sentence.

## Important Days

### Monday

1B and 1LW – PE

### Tuesday

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### Wednesday

1B and 1LW reading books collected  
in

### Thursday

1LW - PE

### Friday

1B and 1LW reading books handed  
out

## Important Dates

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Curriculum info for parents, 3.45-4.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> October – ‘Watch us learn’ 9.05-9.35am

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – training day – school closed to children

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parent consultations

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Pumpkin party (in school time for Year 1)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 Festival of lights sharing assembly.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – training day – school closed to children

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas fayre afternoon

7<sup>th</sup> December – Book Look 3.30-4.00pm

8<sup>th</sup> December – History of Toys workshop

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas carols KS1

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – School closes

**ENGLISH**

We will write about our book "The Tiger who came to tea". We will write instructions for making biscuits, setting description for "We're going on a bear hunt" and letters inspired by the "Smeds and the Smoos".

**PHONICS**

We will re-cap the sounds covered in Reception. We will then begin to look at alternatives for some of these sounds. Phonics learning will be supported by homework on Seesaw.

**ART/ DT**

We will study natural pattern and the leaf artist Lorenzo Duran. We will make biscuits and design, make and evaluate our own calendar with a flap and a lever.

**MUSIC** – We will think about the sounds that are all around us, we will make some firework percussion and become familiar with some of the percussion instruments. **PSHE** – Mental health and emotional well being – Mindmate. Keeping safe and managing risk.

**COMPUTING**

The first half term we will learn how to program a Beebot. The second half term we will begin to learn to log on to a computer and save work. We will also begin to learn about online safety.

**MATHS**

We will be learning about place value within 10 and 20. We will learn about addition and subtraction within 10 and solving simple number problems. We will also learn about shape and pattern.

**SCIENCE**

We will learn about "ourselves", body parts and our senses. We will look at which sense is associated with which body part. We will study the seasonal changes that occur during Autumn.

**HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY**

We will learn about countries of the UK and the weather we see in the UK during Autumn. We will learn about the gun powder plot and a history of toys from living memory.

**RE**

We will learn about ourselves and celebrations. Celebrations of Harvest, Diwali, Bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Guru Nanak's birthday, Hanukkah and Christmas.

**PE**

The first half term we will learn about movement and static balance. The second half term we will learn ball skills and games.

**WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME**

- Making sure your child remembers to bring a water bottle every day & comes to school with all day (8 hour) suncream on & a sun hat in hot/sunny weather.
- Talk to your child about their day-this can have a huge impact on your child and gives them an opportunity to reflect on their day and their learning.
- Reading with your child on a regular basis and asking them questions about what they have read and ensuring their reading book is brought to school every day.

Please see the school [website](#) should you require further information about the Year 1 curriculum.

## Don't be late through the gate!

School starts at 8.55am. Getting your child to school on time really matters. Arriving late is upsetting for your child and disruptive for the rest of the class.

### Being regularly late adds up to a loss of learning time.

- 5 mins late everyday = over 3 days of learning lost every year
- 10 mins late everyday = over 7 days of learning lost every year
- 15 mins late everyday = over 2 weeks of learning lost every year
- 20 mins late everyday = nearly 3 weeks of learning lost every year
- 30 mins late everyday = over 4 weeks of learning lost every year



### Safeguarding and Child Protection

For any child protection issues please contact Mr Feeley, Mrs McVeigh, Mrs Bowker or Mrs Calvert and we will support you with any concerns or sensitive issues you may be dealing with.

Mrs McVeigh is the school SENDCo and can help you with any questions or concerns.

Please contact [admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk) should you wish to speak to us.